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SUBJ: SIERRA LEONEAN PERCEPTIONS OF THE MANO RIVER UNION

1. A NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL APPEARING IN JBTHE OBSERVER ON JULY 1 EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE MANO RIVER UNION AND SUGGESTED SIERRA LEONE IS NOT BENEFITING AS MUCH AS LIBERIA FROM THE UNION. "THE OBSERVER IS AN INDEPENDENT PAPER, NOT GOVERNMENT OWNED OR CONTROLLED, BUT GOVERNMENT CAN CENSOR ARTICLES IN IT.

2. EXCERPTS FROM THE EDITORIAL; "SIERRA LEONE OUGHT TO TAKE A LONG HARD LOOK AT THE MANO RIVER UNION, FOR IT SEEMS TO ME THAT SIERRA LEONE IS GETTING THE DIRTY END OF THE UNION STICK... WHAT IS MORE THAN APPARENT IS THE FEELING THAT LIBERIA IS BENEFITING FAR MORE FROM THE UNION THAN SIERRA LEONE IS. MEAT HAS BEEN SCARCE IN SIERRA LEONE FOR SOME TIME NOW, AND THIS HAS BEEN TRACED TO THE FACT THAT COWS ARE BEING SOLD TO BUYERS FROM LIBERIA...THERE WAS THE MATTER OF SMUGGLING. PEOPLE (ARE) IMPORTING THEIR GOODS THROUGH MONROVIA, WHICH IS A FREE PORT, AND THEN SMUGGLING THE GOODS INTO SIERRA LEONE. THIS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF CUSTIONS REVENUE TO SIERRA LEONE." NORTH

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